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SUBJ: NJCEC AGENDA ITEM - NICS TRAINING AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE CENTER

NICSMA-D/54

1. THE JOINT C-E WORKING GROUP (JCEWG) HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE TIME TO DISCUSSIONS ON THE LOCATION OF THE NICS SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FACILITY. MOST NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CONSIDERED NICSMA-D/54 TO BE A BIASED AND INCOMPLETE STUDY. THEY WOULD NOT ACCEPT THE ARBITRARY REQUIREMENT THAT THE FACILITY MUST BE WITHIN 250 KM OF BRUSSELS. FOREMOST, THEY OBJECTED THAT NICSMA-D/54 IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE PRESENTATION OF FACTS AND ALTERNATIVES, AND THEY REFUSED TO ENDORSE IT AND ITS CONCLUSIONS.

2. THE JCEWG CONCEIVED FOUR ALTERNATIVES WHICH NICSMA SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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ADDRESS. THESE ARE (A) COLLOCATE TRAINING AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AT LATINA, ITALY; (B) COLLOCATE THESE NEAR BRUSSELS; (C) SPLIT THE FUNCTIONS, WITH TRAINING AT LATINA AND SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE NEAR BRUSSELS; AND (D) EXPAND AN OPERATIONAL

FACILITY (SHAPE OR EVERE) FOR SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE, WITH TRAINING AT LATINA. IN REPORTING TO THE NJCEC, THE JCEWG IDENTIFIED THESE ALTERNATIVES AND SOME OF THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION WHICH NICSMA-D/54 DOES NOT CONTAIN BUT WHICH OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS REQUIRES. THE WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDED THAT THE NATO JOINT COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE (NJCEC) INVITE THE DIRECTOR GENERAL NICSMA TO "CONTINUE HIS STUDIES" ON LOCATION OF THE SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE FACILITY. MISSION EXPECTS CHAIRMAN NJCEC TO SEND FULL TEXT OF REPORT TO MEMBERS BY MESSAGE. IF HE DOES NOT DO THIS, MISSION WILL SEND IT.

3. MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT US REP TO NJCEC AGREE TO JCEWG REPORT. MISSION FULLY AGREES WITH JCEWG EVALUATION OF NICSMA-D/54. BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL SENSITIVITY OF THIS SUBJECT (I.E., THE IMPACT ON LATINA), NATO DECISION BODIES MUST HAVE FAIR PRESENTATION OF ALL PERTINENT FACTS AND AN OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS OF THEM. PRESENT NICSMA STUDY FAILS IN THIS REGARD. MCAULIFFE

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